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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ☺ Birthday ♥ Anniversary	2 1pm Zoom Bible Study	3 	4	5	6
7 <b>Bring Angel Tree gifts to church</b> <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer 	8	9 1pm Zoom Bible Study	10 	11 	12 ☺ Fred Chapman 	13
14 <b>11:00 AM</b> Holy Eucharist Rev. Andrew Lee	15 <b>4:30 PM</b> VESTRY MEETING	16 1pm Zoom Bible Study	17 	18 	19 ♥ Buz & Carol Stewart	20 <b>12p FREE Community Meal @ David A Howe Library</b>
21 <b>11:00 AM</b> Morning Prayer 	22	23 1pm Zoom Bible Study	24 7:30p Special Musical Prelude 8:00p Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Eucharist Service Rev. Andrew K Lee	25 <b>11:00a Christmas Day Service</b> Rev. Andrew K Lee	26 	27
28 <b>11:00 AM</b> <b>LESSONS and Carols</b>	29 ☺ Linda Woolsey	30 <b>NO</b> Zoom Bible Study	31 			



# St. John's Revelations

## **SIMPLE – USEFUL – PROFOUND**    **Tad Manske**

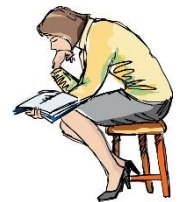
I think I've always been interested in theology, but especially after being a philosophy minor in grad school. I was fortunate enough to take a pair of "*Philosophy of Religion*" courses from a professor who was also a methodist minister.

Many years later, when I became an Episcopalian, I bought and/or borrowed the books in the series "*The New Church's Teaching Series*" and got back into the study of theology in an informal, amateur way.



Of all the Episcopal doctrines I've studied, the one that keeps coming back to me is the "*three-legged stool*". Put in simple terms, it says our faith is based on *scripture*, *tradition* and *reason*. Believe it or not, this can be easily understood in and applied to our modern world.

One of my favorite actors was Robin McLaurin Williams, 1951 – 2014. You may know him from the show "*Mork and Mindy*" or from films like *Mrs. Doubtfire*, *Jumanji* or *Dead Poets' Society*. Robin was a faithful and proud Episcopalian, as noted by his oft-quoted belief that, as an Episcopalian... "you don't have to check your brain at the door".



We use our brain power to interpret and apply scripture. We use our brain to acknowledge and appreciate tradition. And we certainly use it to reason our way through the understanding of ourselves, each other, our relationships and the world we occupy.

Yes- the three-legged stool is a powerful theological tool! It is simple, useful and profound.

